

REMARKS

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation.

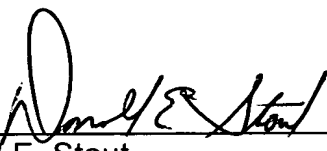
The claims have been rewritten to contain the subject matter of the claims to which the Examiner objected, which would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to contain the subject matter of claims 2 and 3, claim 4 has been submitted as new claim 21 and claim 5 has been submitted as new claim 22 and the dependencies of other claims have been changed accordingly.

Accordingly, early allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (1123.40625X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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